

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are presented for consideration, with Claim 1 being independent.

Editorial changes have been made to the specification and abstract. In the Claims, Claim 1 has been amended to further distinguish Applicants' invention from the cited art. Claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled.

Initially, Claims 6 and 7 were objected to for the reason set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. As noted above, these claims have been cancelled.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Gohl '394. Claim 1 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Suzuki '578. In addition, Claims 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Gohl, and Claims 2-7 are rejected as allegedly being obvious over Suzuki. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants' invention as set forth in Claim 1 relates to a method of manufacturing a resin molding made by integrally joining a first resin molded part and a second resin molded part together via their joining portions, with the method comprising a step of molding a concave portion as the joining portion when molding the first molded part, with the concave portion comprising a fitting sleeve projected from the first molded part and a projection projecting within the fitting sleeve from the first molded part, and a step of molding a convex portion as the joining portion when molding the second molded part. The convex portion

comprises a pedestal projecting from the second molded part, a fitting sleeve projecting further outward from the pedestal, and a bush located inside the pedestal and having a through-hole in a central portion thereof. The fitting sleeve of the concave portion is mated with the fitting sleeve of the convex portion so that a cavity in communication with one end of the through-hole is formed between the projection and the fitting sleeve of the concave portion and the fitting sleeve of the convex portion. Additional steps include holding the first and second molded parts mating the concave portion with the convex portion so as to form the cavity therebetween, connecting a tip of an injection nozzle to the other end of the through-hole, and filling the molten resin into the through-hole and the cavity.

Support for the amendments to Claim 1 can be found, for example, in Figures 2, 4 and 5 and the accompanying specification beginning on page 13, line 4. In accordance with Applicants' claimed invention, a high performance resin molding can be manufactured.

The patent to Gohl relates to a method of sealing a storage battery casing. A top container 25 includes a plurality of nozzles 23. The nozzles are inserted into openings of channels 21 and 22 in a cover 12 of the battery housing 1. Heated liquid material flows through the channels 21 and 22 and into the battery.

The Suzuki patent relates to a molded apparatus that includes two container parts 51 and 52. With reference to Figure 9, injected resin flows through a channel 200 in the

first container part 51. Ribs 160a and 160b on the first container part are positioned within a supporting rib 161a formed on the container part 52.

In contrast to Applicants' claimed invention, however, neither Gohl nor Suzuki teach or suggest, among other features, a concave portion of a first molded part having a fitting sleeve and a projection, a convex portion of the second molded part having a pedestal, a fitting sleeve projecting outward from the pedestal, and a bush, and the step of mating the fitting sleeve of the concave portion with the fitting sleeve of the convex portion in the manner set forth in Applicants' claimed invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 are respectfully requested.

It follows, then, that Gohl and Suzuki also fail to teach or suggest Applicants' dependent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 4-7 and of Claims 2-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103 are also respectfully requested.

Accordingly, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as set forth independent Claim 1 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 2-5 set forth additional features of Applicants' invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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